

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): An offset printing press comprising:

a first plate cylinder;

a first blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the first plate cylinder;

an anilox inker for inking the first plate cylinder;

a first motor directly connected to the anilox inker for driving the anilox inker

and connected to the first plate cylinder for driving the first plate cylinder;

a second plate cylinder;

a second blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the second plate cylinder;

a second anilox inker for inking the second plate cylinder; and

a second motor directly connected to the second anilox inker for driving the second anilox inker and connected to the second plate cylinder for driving the second plate cylinder,

further comprising a third motor for driving the first and second blanket cylinders,

~~The press as recited in claim 4~~ wherein the first and second blanket cylinders have direct gears separated from the other, with each direct gear being driven by the third motor.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): An offset printing press comprising:

a first plate cylinder;
a first blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the first plate cylinder;
an anilox inker for inking the first plate cylinder;
a first motor directly connected to the anilox inker for driving the anilox inker
and connected to the first plate cylinder for driving the first plate cylinder;
a second plate cylinder;
a second blanket cylinder for selectively contacting the second plate cylinder;
a second anilox inker for inking the second plate cylinder; and
a second motor directly connected to the second anilox inker for driving the second
anilox inker and connected to the second plate cylinder for driving the second plate
cylinder.

~~The press as recited in claim 1~~ wherein one of the first and second motor drives the first and second blanket cylinders.

Claim 10 (original): The press as recited in claim 9 wherein the first anilox inker includes an ink form roll and the second anilox inker a second ink form roll, and wherein in a first mode the ink form roll is driven directly by the first motor, and the first plate cylinder, first blanket cylinder and second blanket cylinder are driven indirectly by the first motor.

Claim 11 (original): The press as recited in claim 10 wherein the second plate cylinder is thrown off of the second blanket cylinder.

Claim 12 (original): The press as recited in claim 10 wherein in a second mode the second motor drives the second ink form roller, the second plate cylinder, and the first and second blanket cylinders.

Claim 13 (original): The press as recited in claim 12 wherein the first plate cylinder is thrown off of the first blanket cylinder.

Claim 14 (canceled).

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method for driving a printing unit having a first anilox inker, a first plate cylinder, a first blanket cylinder selectively contacting the first plate cylinder, a second blanket cylinder, a second plate cylinder selectively contacting the second blanket cylinder, and a second anilox inker, the method comprising the steps of:

directly driving the first anilox inker using a first motor;

indirectly driving the first plate cylinder using the first motor;

directly driving the second anilox inker using a second motor; and

indirectly driving the second plate cylinder using the second motor.

~~The method as recited in claim 14~~ further including driving the first and second blanket cylinders with one of the first and second motors.

Claims 16-20 (canceled).